Chinese Nuclear Technology to Pakistan

2683. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the 'Hindustan Times' of November 5, 1992, to the effect that China has given Pakistan a proven design for a nuclear bomb;

(b) if so, whether Government have reviewed its nuclear policy in the light thereof; and

(c) what decisions have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government's consistent position has been to call for the total elimination of all nuclear weapons in a framework which is global and non-discriminatory. Government keep under constant review all developments having a bearing on India's security and take appropriate measures to safeguard the national interest.

SAARC Trade Pact

2684. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for aregional trade group for South Asian Countries has receive a set back as reported in the news-item entitled, "SAARC trade pact in jeopardy", which appeared in the Times of India, dated 5th November, 1992; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) No Sir, A proposal for a SAARC Preferential Trading Arrangement has been drawn up by the experts for consideration by the policy-making body of SAARC, which is the Council of Ministers. The 12th Council of Ministers meeting in Dhaka on December 10-11, will consider this proposal, As it is not possible to anticipate the decision of the Ministers, the report indicating that the SAARC trade pact is "in jeopardy" should be considered as incorrect.

(b) Question does not arise.

Placing Nuclear Installation under International Safeguards

2685. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have agreed to subject India's nuclear Installations to the fullscope safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA); and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

South Asia as a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone

2686. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United States has decided to free South Asia from nuclear weapons; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and

(b) No, Sir. The US government has called for the universatisation of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation treaty (NPT) and in this context urged States which are not parties to the NPT to sign the Treaty. India has a principled stand on this issue and considers the NPT to be a discriminatory treaty.

एक भारतीय शिष्ट मंडल की नवनिर्वाचित राष्ट्रपति श्री क्लिंटन के साथ बैठक

2687. **श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी:** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने नवनिर्वाचित राष्ट्रपति श्री क्लिंटन के सहयोगियों के साथ सहयोग स्थापित करने के लिए एक उच्च स्तरीय शिष्ट मंडल अमरीका भेजा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या परिणाम निकले; और

(ग) क्या भारत की नीति को स्पष्ट कर दिया गया है?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फेलोरियो): (क) से (ख) वाशिंगटन में हमारे राजदूतावास के उप मिशन प्रमुख को और निरस्त्रीकरण अप्रसार तथा क्षेत्रीय सुरक्षा से सम्बद्ध मसलों पर द्विपक्षीय बातचीत के दूसरे दौर में सहभागियों के रूप में अमरीका में पहले से मौजूद विदेश मंत्रालय के दो अधिकारियों को निदेश दिया गया था कि वे नवनिर्वाचित राष्ट्रपति श्री क्लिंटन के संक्रमण दल के साथ प्रारम्भिक सम्पर्क करें। तदनुसार इस प्रतिनिधि मंडल ने लिटल राक, आर्कांसस स्थित डेमोक्रेटिक कम्पेन मुख्यालय में जाकर संक्रमण बोर्ड के अध्यक्ष और संक्रमण दल के अन्य सदस्यों से मुलाकात की। इन बैठकों का आयोजन केवल प्रारम्भिक सम्पर्क स्थापित करने और इस स्तर पर मामलों पर विस्तार से चर्चा किये बिना आपसी हित के मामलों पर प्राथमिक रूप से भारत के नजरिये को उजागर करने के लिए किया गया था।

South-Asian Common Market

2688. **SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL**

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Russian Foreign Ministry is planning to set up a South Asian Common Market in the near future with the help of India and China in order to settle the Economic and Trade problms jointly and more effectly;

(b) whether this issue is likely to be discussed during the ensuing visit of Mr. Boris N. Yeltsin, the President of Russia to India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) The Govt. have not received any proposal from the Russian Foreign Ministry for setting up a South Asian Common Market.

(b) No indication to this effect has been received from the Russian side.

(c) The question does not arise.

भारत-बंगलादेश संबंध

2689. **मौलाना ओबैदुल्ला खान आजमी:** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि कुछेक विदेशियों के संगठन झूठे मुद्दों को उठाकर भारत-बंगलादेश के संबंधों को बिगाड़ने पर आमादा है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने उस पर क्या कार्यवाही की है?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फेलेरियो): (क) और (ख) सरकार देश के महत्वपूर्ण राष्ट्रीय हित की सुरक्षा के प्रति तथा भारत-बंगलादेश संबंधों को उन लोगों के षड़यंत्र से बचाने के प्रति जो इन्हें बिगाड़ना चाहते हैं, सतर्क रहती है